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MEETING WP-4 (MEAT)

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1. L. HEDDE, OFFICE OF AG ATTACHE, AMEMBASSY PARIS,
ALSO ATTENDED LUNCH WORK SESSION, REF (1) PAR 2.

2. OECD MEAT WORKING PARTY AGREED THERE IS LITTLE
REASON TO EXPECT SIGNIFICANT REVIVAL OF DEMAND IN
SHORT RUN. TO INCREASE DEMAND SIGNIFICANTLY PRICES
WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED EVEN IF MARKET PROMOTION AND
DEVELOPMENT WERE FULLY EFFECTIVE.

3. NETHERLANDS DEL PROPOSED THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX ON
ANIMALS BEING SLAUGHTERED ABOVE MAXIMUM WEIGHT.
LENGTHY AND SYMPATHETIC DISCUSSION OF THAT PROPOSAL
DEMONSTRATED RESTRICTIONIST VIEWS PREVALENT IN MANY
COUNTRIES.

4. EC SPOKESMAN IN CONTRAST TO MANY EC MEMBER COUNTRIES
STRESSED MEASURES TO INCREASE CONSUMPTION, GLORIED IN
LARDINOIS STRASBOURG ANNOUNCEMENT OF REDUCED PRICE BEEF
SALES TO HOSPITALS AND NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS. EFFECT
OF DELAYED SLAUGHTER POLICY IN AUSTRALIA AND POSSIBLY
IN EC (AS PER LARDINOIS ANNOUNCEMENT) ON INTERMEDIATE
TERM OUTLOOK NOT FULLY FACED. UK ALIGNMENT WITH US,
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND VIEWPOINTS, OFTEN AGAINST
OTHER EC MEMBERS, NOTEWORTHY. US FREE IMPORTATION
POLICY RECOGNIZED BUT NOT AS A CATEGORICAL IMPERA-
TIVE.

5. ITALIAN PROBLEM BROUGHT UP BY US. FULL IMPLICATIONS
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OF INCREASE OF ITALIAN VALUE-ADDED TAX ON MEAT FROM 6
TO 18 PERCENT IN OFFSETTING CONSUMPTION STIMULATING-
MEASURES ELSEWHERE AND IN AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE
NOT RECOGNIZED BY GROUP, LEAST OF ALL BY YUGOSLAVIA,
AND NOT REFLECTED IN OTHERWISE COMPREHENSIVE SECRETARIAT
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